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To: LEA and ISD Superintendents, and PSA Directors

From: Mike Flanagan

Subject: MEAP UPDATE

Due to outside contractor delays beyond the control of the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), the delivery of the Fall 2005 MEAP reports have been pushed back.

Several MDE staff spent the past weekend in Iowa City with Pearson Educational Measurement (PEM), the MEAP contractor, to determine the status of school, district, and state reporting. After extensive discussions, the Department has been assured by Pearson that MEAP results will be available for districts by mid- to late-February.

Due to the technical complexity and work associated with the new federally-required testing program, creating and producing new electronic and paper reports are taking Pearson longer than anticipated. This year's MEAP testing cycle was more entailed than previous years, because it tested twice as many children (nearly one million) due to the expanded requirements of No Child Left Behind; new tests had to be developed at every grade level; multiple test booklets were developed and used for each grade; and new cut scores had to be developed and approved for the new tests.

Electronic postings of individual, school, and district reports will be made to the Department's Office of Assessment and Accountability's secure website for school district as they are delivered by the contractor. OEAA will keep districts informed of the progress.

Attached is a letter from Pearson outlining the time line it will complete the various MEAP report items.

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Dr. Roeber,

This letter is intended to outline the schedule for producing both electronic and paper reports for the Michigan assessment program. Due to the technical complexity and work associated with the new fall program, creating and producing new electronic and paper reports is taking Pearson longer than anticipated. We apologize to the students, parents, teachers, and administrators across the state of Michigan for this delay. We are working very hard to plan for subsequent assessment administrations with your staff to provide timely, accurate assessment reports to promote learning.

Elementary and Middle School MEAP

MEAP Reports

Completion Date

Class Roster Report

February 13

Individual Student Report

February 15

Demographic Report

February 16

School, District, ISD, Feeder School Reports

February 18

Item Analysis Reports

February 21

Parent Pamphlets

February 23

Electronic Data Files

Student Data File

When statewide results are released

Printing and distribution of MEAP reports in districts

March 4



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MEAP High School Assessment

<u>MEAP reports</u>	<u>Completion Date</u>
School Roster Report	February 27
Parent Reports	March 4
Summary Report	March 4
Demographic Report	March 4
<u>Electronic Data Files</u>	
Student Data File	March 6
<u>Printing and distribution of MEAP reports in districts</u>	March 13

Please know that we are working very hard to resolve this as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Kromer", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Stephen C. Kromer
Executive Vice President and General Manager